

**Breakfast Church**  
**TOGETHER: Change Through Community**  
**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
**Holy Communion 10 am**



**Introduction**

All people are created in God's image and this day we lift up the voices of all. The church is not confined to the building itself, not the brick, stained glass, or the pews, but the community of people who make this place a spiritual house. Here, every person is important and every person is essential to plant and sow the seeds of faith. We are called by Christ to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are led by the spirit to be one.

**St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**121 N. Spring St, Middletown, PA 17057**  
**Sunday Worship 10 am and Wednesday Chapel 10 am**

**THIS IS CHRIST'S CHURCH**  
**THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE**

St. Peter's is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a Reconciling in Christ congregation joining with Reconciling Works.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we welcome and invite all of God's people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or economic status.

## **SERVING OUR CHURCH**

**October 19, 2025**

Presiding:

Rev. Molly Haggerty

Reader:

People of the community

Musicians:

Spirit & Truth

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE: This is the Stuff** *by Francesca Battistelli*

**GATHERING: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High** *by Rick Founds*

Lord, I lift Your name on high

Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord, I lift Your name on high

Lord, I lift Your name on high

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



## **GREETING AND RESPONSE**

The love of the Creator, the peace of our Redeemer, and the hope of the Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **CENTERING**

Each of you are welcome here and have been created unique and as a gift to this community. We lift up those things we are thankful for and things we don't understand, distractions or things we feel need to change. We belong in this place. We are loved beyond our own understanding. We are community. We are the church TOGETHER.

*Each person is invited to write something they are thankful for and something they would like the courage to change on a piece of paper and place it in the center of their table.*

## **MUSICAL REFLECTION: As the Deer** *by Maranatha Music*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

O God,

We are giving you all the things we cannot understand and ask for wisdom to live together in community in peace. We thank you for each person you have created and ask that you open our eyes to see you in each person you have gathered together. Bless this time together and help us see how each of us has a part in the beauty of your mission. Remind us that we are a small part of the plan. We know that your mission was planted by the people who came before us and to celebrate the time we sow your seed. Give us courage to pass on the rewards to the people who come after us. **AMEN**

### **GATHERING SONGS:**

**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High** *by Rick Founds*

Lord, I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord, I lift Your name on high  
Lord, I lift Your name on high

**Fruit of the Spirit** *by Kid Spring*

\*I wanna know, (Know!) I wanna grow (Grow!)  
The fruit of the spirit, The fruit of the spirit (Repeat)\*  
Love, Joy, Peace (*Love, Joy, Peace*)  
Patience, Kindness, Goodness (*Patience, Kindness, Goodness*)  
Faithfulness (*Faithfulness*)  
Gentleness (*Gentleness*)  
Self – Control (*Self Control*)  
\*I wanna know, (Know!) I wanna grow (Grow!)  
The fruit of the spirit, The fruit of the spirit, (Repeat)\*  
Love, Joy, Peace (*Love, Joy, Peace*)  
Patience, Kindness, Goodness (*Patience, Kindness, Goodness*)  
Faithfulness (*Faithfulness*)

Gentleness (*Gentleness*)

Self – Control (*Self Control*)

\*Fruit grows in gardens

Fruit grows on trees

But the fruit of the Spirit, grows inside of me (Repeat)\*

\*I wanna know, (Know!) I wanna grow (Grow!)

The fruit of the spirit, The fruit of the spirit (Repeat)\*

## **WORD/GOD's STORY**

### **FIRST READING: Proverbs 3:1-6**

My children, don't forget my instruction.

Let your heart guard my commands,

<sup>2</sup> because they will help you live a long time  
and provide you with well-being.

<sup>3</sup> Don't let loyalty and faithfulness leave you.

Bind them on your neck;

write them on the tablet of your heart.

<sup>4</sup> Then you will find favor and approval  
in the eyes of God and humanity.

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
don't rely on your own intelligence.

<sup>6</sup> Know God in all your paths,  
and God will keep your ways straight.

. Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Write your response to these questions below:*

### **Stories of WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR**

- *Who are the people that feel like "your neighbor"?*
- *What is the best thing about them?*
- *Who is in your neighborhood? How do greet them? How does your community help each other?*

### **SONG: Psalm 25 Higher Than the Mountain**

*Hand motions for this song will be taught prior to the song*

To You oh Lord I lift up my soul, in You I trust oh Lord  
To You oh Lord I lift up my soul, in You I trust oh Lord

Higher than the mountains, deeper than the sea  
Wider than the ocean is Your love for me  
You're with me in the mountains and the valley below  
You're right here beside me everywhere that I go

I get down, He lifts my up  
I get down, He lifts my up  
I get down, He lifts my up  
I get down!

**(Repeat)**



## **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-15**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Stories of WHAT**

*Talk with the people at your table about what this reading means to each of you. What is easy to do and what parts are hard to live into?*

## **SONG: You Are My All in All** *by Maranatha Music*

You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking You as a precious jewel  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all  
Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name  
Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name  
Taking my sin my cross my shame  
Rising again I bless your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down you pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all  
Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name (6X's)  
Worthy is Your name (2X's)

**GOSPEL READING:** The Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter. **Glory to you O, Lord**

**GOSPEL: Luke 8:4-15 NRSV**

<sup>14</sup>When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup>As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

<sup>17</sup>“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

<sup>18</sup>“Bring them here to me,” he said. <sup>19</sup>And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup>The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**MESSAGE: Community Together** Pr Molly Haggerty



## **SONG OF THE DAY : I Will Call Upon the Lord** *by Cedarмонт Kids*

I will call upon the Lord (*I will call upon the Lord*)

Who is worthy to be praised (*Who is worthy to be praised*)

So shall I be saved from my enemies (*So shall I be saved from my enemies*)

I will call upon the Lord

The Lord liveth

And blessed be the Rock

And let the God of my salvation be exalted

The Lord liveth

And blessed be the Rock

And let the God of my salvation be exalted

## **INTERACTIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*There are prayer stations around the room and at your table. During the songs, write down your concerns, prayers and thankfulness. You can return to your seat when you are finished.*

### **SONGS: Sanctuary** *by Scruggs & Thompson*

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for you

### **Psalm 51** *is sung*

Create in me a clean heart oh God

And renew a right spirit within me

Create in me a clean heart oh God

And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Your presence oh Lord

And take not Your Holy Spirit from me

Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation

And renew a right spirit within me

And renew a right spirit within me

And renew a right spirit within me

## **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all

**C: and also with you**

P: share that peace with one another

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Body of Christ given for you.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Blood of Christ shed for you.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

There is a place for you at Jesus' table. Take your place.

*All are invited to share in communion. It is Christ's table and all are welcome. The*

*Pastor will give you the bread and the communion assistant will have a tray of wine.*

*Please take one cup and drink it. An Acolyte will collect the empty cup.*

## **COMMUNION SONG: Because He Lives** *by Matt Maher*

I believe in the Son I believe in the risen One

I believe, I overcome By the power of His blood

Amen, Amen

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives

Amen, Amen

Let my song join the One that never ends

Because He lives I was dead in the grave

I was covered in sin and shame

I heard mercy call my name He rolled the stone away

Amen, Amen

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives

Amen, Amen

Let my song join the One that never ends

Because He lives (He lives) I can face tomorrow

Because He lives (He lives) Every fear is gone

I know (I know) He holds (He holds)

My life (my life) My future in His hands

Amen, Amen

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives

Amen, Amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Amen, Amen

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives

Amen, Amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives

Because He lives

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Thank you Jesus, for the gift of bread and one that covers us with forgiveness and leaves us with a renewed sense of peace. Give us all that we need to share your peace in the world. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Go out into the world in peace.

Have courage.

Hold onto what is good.

Return no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the faint-hearted.

Support the weak.  
Help the suffering.  
Honor all persons.  
Honor all creation.  
Love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
And may the love of God, the Light of Christ,  
and the power and communion of that Spirit be with us all.  
Go in peace. Amen.

**CLOSING SONG: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ** ELW 674

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Christ is able to make us one,  
at His table, He sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus calls us in, sends us out,  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!



The bulletins and altar flowers are dedicated in memory of Janet Wiand,  
wife and mother & Joel Wiand, Son and Brother by Art and Family.

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*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Middletown is located on the original  
and ancestral homelands of the Susquehannock peoples and we give thanks for their  
presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our  
Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this place their home.*

# **St. Peter's News**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: New to our prayer list this month:**

James Speeden, Jaiden Mullins, Josie Brewster, Neal Kresge, Ruth Shireman, Jimmy & Cece Abromitis, Larry Lingle Jr., Richard Brandt, Sue Stetler, Michelle, Milton, Bruce, Betty Wise, Jim White, Lynda Fitzpatrick **Those friends and members in need of continued prayers:** Jenny Dimeler, Marie Fox, Dianne Breining, Tina Polito, Patty & John Stewart, Charles Brooks, Mitchell Hahn, Karen Eckles, Barbara Henry, Emily Booth, Lucinda Sheaffer.

## **\*\*SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES\*\***

Justin Polito, Corbin Stetler, Gabriel Goldsborough, Jordane Mondeaux, Anthony Mondeaux, Edgar Lopez, John Pappas, Colton Stone, Aaron Williams

## **CANDY NEEDED FOR THE HALLOWEEN PARADE**

The TOGETHER After- School Program kids will have a float in the Middletown Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 25. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy that can be tossed out along the parade route.

## **FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We need volunteers to help with meals, drivers and hosts for our Family Promise week November 2-9. There is a sign-up sheet in the conference room or you can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/FPvoluteer>. See Pr. Molly if you have any questions.

## **Lutheran Camping Corporation Annual Quilt Auction**

Sunday, November 2, 2025 at Camp Nawakwa.

Please register for the in- person event by October 29. This is a free event and includes evening meal. 2pm Silent Auction of hand-made craft items. 3pm Live auction of quilts. Dinner following the live auction

**Preview quilts & items and bid online at**

**[LutheranCamping.org/quiltauction](https://LutheranCamping.org/quiltauction)**

## **Women's Craft Retreat November 7-9 at Nawakwa**

Projects are provided and you may bring your own to work on. To register please call 717-677-8211 or visit [LutheranCamping.org](https://LutheranCamping.org) by November 1. Meals, lodging, and most supplies provided. Registration fee: \$185.

